



Trash Free Potomac Watershed Initiative 2006 Action Agreement

We, the undersigned elected officials from throughout the Potomac River Watershed, having already signed the Potomac Watershed Trash Treaty, acknowledge that the Potomac River Watershed and its tributaries are severely impaired by many forms of trash.

We recognize the importance of the Potomac River and its tributaries to our region's quality of life, and are committed to the unified goal of a Trash Free Potomac Watershed by 2013.

We reaffirm our pledge to work with regional leaders, businesses, government agencies, nonprofit organizations, and communities to:

- Support regional strategies and collaborations aimed at reducing trash and increasing recycling.
- Increase education and awareness of trash issues throughout the Potomac Watershed.
- Reconvene annually to discuss and evaluate measures and actions addressing trash reduction.

We pledge to ensure the implementation of the following key actions by March 2007:

Goal 1—Implement: Support and implement regional strategies aimed at reducing trash and increasing recycling.

- ◆ Jurisdictions will:
 - Allocate appropriate staff time and financial resources into FY07+ budgets to support Action Agreement implementation.
 - Respond to the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) Trash Questionnaire with baseline data on solid waste, stormwater, enforcement, recycling, and pollution prevention programs.
 - Designate one “Trash Hot Spot” within their jurisdictions as a demonstration project to clean up, maintain, and monitor.
 - Develop and implement a unified regional policy that addresses illegal dumping and enforcement.
- ◆ Key Anacostia Watershed jurisdictions will adopt and begin to implement the Anacostia Watershed Trash Reduction Strategy as a model for other major subwatersheds.
- ◆ COG will compile baseline information into a regional database accessible to all. TFPWI Partners will create a leveraged funding plan that includes federal, regional, local, private, and in-kind contributions.

Goal 2—Educate: Increase education and awareness of the trash issue throughout the Potomac Watershed.

- ◆ Jurisdictions will budget proportional contributions for a regional TFPWI Public Education Fund.
- ◆ TFPWI Partners will:
 - Identify and recruit businesses and organizations that are sources of trash to participate in the Action Plan.



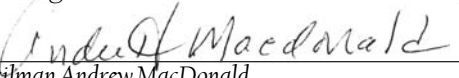
- Evaluate regional needs and develop a regional TFPWI Public Education Campaign.
- Identify and recruit appropriate community, nonprofit, and federal partners to participate in the Action Plan.
- Publicize TFPWI actions via web sites.
- Promote a “Pledge of Action” through community outreach to citizens, businesses, nonprofits, and public agencies.


Goal 3—Evaluate: Reconvene annually to discuss and evaluate measures and actions addressing trash reduction.

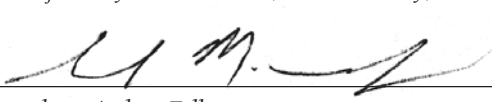
- ◆ Jurisdictions will:
 - Strengthen internal collaboration among inter-jurisdictional senior agency leaders (Storm Water, Solid Waste, Law Enforcement, Pollution Prevention, Transportation, Public Works, Department of Environment) to review TFPWI Action Agreement implementation and monitor its progress.
 - Commit senior leadership to participate in TFPWI Advisory Council, and review TFPWI Action Agreement implementation and monitor its progress.
 - Participate in the 2nd Annual Trash Summit in March 2007.
- ◆ TFPWI Research Committee will do the following for jurisdictions:
 - Evaluate and benchmark: best trash management practices; best available trash reduction technologies; social and financial incentives to reduce trash; national and international policies and regulations; legislative approaches for trash reduction; and public education strategies to reduce trash.
 - Establish “Trash Reduction Indicators” and a coordinated tracking mechanism.
 - Analyze available cost-neutral best technologies and best practices; recommend strategies to address “hot” trash flows (e.g., tires, e-waste, construction waste, beverage containers, and hazardous waste); and develop options for reducing the trash streams.

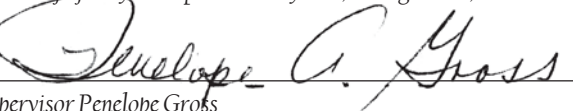
Therefore, we pledge to assist with resource development, and to support and direct our agency leaders to achieve this Action Agreement.

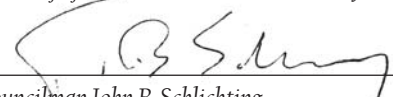
It is with commitment, that we, the elected officials of the Potomac River Watershed, sign this Declaration of Action Agreement on this the Sixteenth Day of March, in the year Two Thousand and Six.


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On behalf of Mayor William Euille, Mayor, Alexandria, VA

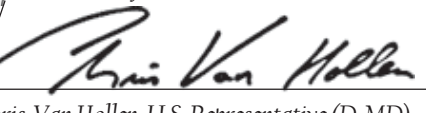

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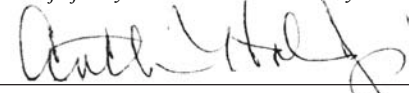

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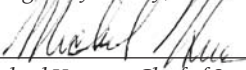

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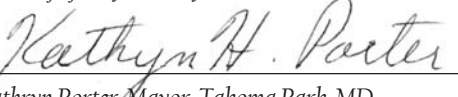

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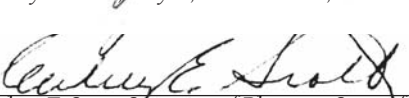

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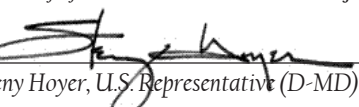

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